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INTRODUCTION

This Report on Program and Activities of the Centre for Social Research on Alcohol and Drugs, Stockholm University covers the first year of the Centre's work. The Centre became active on 1 March, 1999, when Professor Robin Room took up his position as director; the present staff came together in a common space at Sveaplan in August, 1999. At present, the Centre has two professors; recruitment for a third, in treatment research, is nearing completion. The competition for a fourth professorship will be announced early in the new year. The Centre's staff presently includes three doctoral students at Stockholm University, and two researchers with relatively recent doctorates from the University.

In addition to its core grant from the Swedish Social Research Council, the Centre's work in 1999 and in the coming year is supported by grants from a variety of Swedish and international sources, including the Social Research Council, the Public Health Institute, the European Union, and the World Health Organization. Collaborations have been initiated with researchers in several departments of Stockholm University (Social Work; SOFI; Sociology; Criminology), with Swedish agencies (Public Health Institute; CAN; Systembolaget; BeroendeCentrum Nord of Stockholm County, at the Karolinska Hospital), and with international research groups and agencies (National Institute of Alcohol and Drug Research, Oslo; Social Research Unit for Alcohol Studies, Helsinki; Centre for Alcohol and Drug Research, Aarhus University; Universität GH Essen; Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Toronto; Alcohol Research Group, Berkeley; Nordic Council on Alcohol and Drug Research (NAD); European Monitoring Centre on Drugs and Drug Abuse; World Health Organization).

DETAILED REPORT

1. **Establishment of the Centre.** The Centre for Social Research on Alcohol and Drugs at Stockholm University was established as an interdisciplinary centre with a status similar to a university department in the Faculty of Social Science by a decision of the Stockholm University Board on 15 August 1997 (doss 311, dnr 1061/97). Robin Room was appointed to a chair in research on alcohol and drugs in the Centre on 21 December 1998, and as Director of the Centre on 4 February 1999. The Centre came into existence when he took up his position at the Centre on 1 March 1999. The core budget of the Centre (SEK 2 150 000 for 1999), including the director's position, is provided by the Swedish Social Research Council (SFR). The Centre operates under a six-year agreement between SFR and the University, also involving support from the Board of State Institutions (SIS), signed 1 July 1999 (doss 113, dnr 0139/99). Professor Eckart Kühlhorn's chair in Sociological Alcohol Research was transferred into the Centre on 1 September 1999 (doss. 611, dnr 0593/99).

2. **Governance.** The Centre is governed by a Board appointed by the President of the University (doss 311, dnr 0268/99) to reflect the interests both of the University community and of the wider society in the Centre's work. Members of the Board as of December 1999

include the following:

Birgitta Berglund (chair), Psychology Department, Stockholm University

Peter Allebeck, Social Medicine Department, University of Gothenburg

Anders Bergmark, School of Social Work, Stockholm University

Björn Borschos, representing SoRAD staff on the board

Jakob Lindberg, Public Health Institute, Stockholm

Thor Norström, Institute for Social Research (SOFI), Stockholm University

Robin Room, SoRAD, Stockholm University

Vera Segraeus, Board of State Institutions (SIS), Stockholm

Sune Sunesson, School of Social Work, University of Lund

The Board met four times during 1999.

3. The Centre's staffing. By the end of August, the present projects and staff had been gathered in the Centre's offices on the 5th floor at Sveaplan. The offices are sufficient for existing and immediately planned staff, but may become insufficient in the course of the next year. As of December 1999, the Centre's staff presently includes:

Eckart Köhlhorn, professor, Sociological Alcohol Research

Robin Room, professor, Social Research on Alcohol and Drugs

Barbara Leigh, visiting researcher

Kai Pernanen, visiting researcher

Björn Borschos, researcher, predoctoral fellow (sociology)

Börje Olsson, researcher, PhD (sociology)

Mona Backhans, research assistant

Monica Skrinjar, research assistant, predoctoral fellow (criminology)

Christel Hopkins Andersson, office manager

In addition, several staff are located at the Centre by agreement with other agencies. These include:

by agreement with the Public Health Institute:

Håkan Leifman, researcher, PhD (sociology)

Mats Ramstedt, researcher (predoctoral fellow, sociology)

by agreement with CAN:

Anita Rönneling, research assistant

by agreement with Stockholm University Personnel Department

Jill Björ, data manager

4. Forthcoming academic appointments. An appointment to a research professorship in "alcohol and drug research, especially treatment of addicts" (decided on 5 November, 1998, doss 114, dnr 2319/98) is scheduled to be made at the 3 February 2000 meeting of the University's Social Science Faculty Committee for Professorial Appointments. This position is jointly supported by SFR and SIS. An Assistant Professor (forskarassistent) position has been announced, and the decision on an appointment to this position is expected shortly. A further research professorship in the area of policy research has been provided for in the government's budget proposal for SFR, and the University has accepted this position (decision of 9 December 1999). Recruitment for this position is expected to be announced early in 2000.

5. The Board of the Centre at its meeting of 4 May 1999 accepted the following preliminary description of the Centre's research program:

AIMS

to stimulate and conduct social science research on alcohol and drugs, including improving methods, increasing theoretical understanding, and enhancing links to policy;
to provide a nexus for interdisciplinary research training, research networks and collaborative studies in Sweden;
to serve as an interdisciplinary focal point in Sweden for collaboration on comparative and international projects.

ENVISIONED LINES OF RESEARCH

1. *Trends and patterns in alcohol and drug use and problems:*
 - survey research on attitudes and expectancies, on patterns of use, on problems related to use, on attitudes to treatment and prevention policies;
 - qualitative research on alcohol and drug norms and use patterns, and on the places of drinking and drug use in Swedish life;
 - analysis of social and health statistics on alcohol and drug use and patterns;
 - improving means of measurement of alcohol and drug use and problems.
2. *The social response to alcohol and drug problems:*
 - treatment services and systems research;
 - impact of and responses to problematic drinking/drug use in the family and in social life;
 - policy impact research on alcohol and drug controls and other policy measures, and on control systems.
3. *Alcohol and drug problems in a comparative and international perspective:*
 - cultural factors in conceptualizations of alcohol and drug problems;
 - cultural factors in intoxicated compartment;
 - alcohol and drug policies in international perspective;
 - supranational systems and alcohol and drug policies.

6. Educational and professional development activities of the Centre have included an initial series of four seminars by visiting scientists (Pekka Sulkunen, Pia Mäkelä, Barbara Leigh, Norman Giesbrecht) in Autumn, 1999; teaching by staff of the Centre; and presentations to the staff of the Public Health Institute (FHI) on the work of the Centre and on findings and issues in research on intoxication and violence. Graduate courses in sociological alcohol research (5 points) were taught by Norström and Room and by Köhlhorn. A scholarly journal, *Contemporary Drug Problems*, is edited at the Centre. The Centre is beginning to welcome visiting international scientists: for instance, Professor Pekka Sulkunen (sociology, Finland) and Dr. Pia Mäkelä (epidemiology, Finland) spent time here in November, and Dr. Norman Giesbrecht (sociology, Canada) in December; Dr Ray Daugherty (psychology, U.S.) visited in connection with his alcohol problems prevention training work with the Swedish military. The Centre collaborates closely with the World Health Organization, and is a full member of the International Council on Alcohol and Addictions and of the Consortium of European Alcohol Research Centres.

7. Support for the Centre's research program from the Public Health Institute (FHI), totalling SEK 830 000 for 1999, is supporting two activities:

- a. planning work for future projects, and reanalyses of existing data, on *intoxication and violence*. With FHI's support, Dr. Barbara Leigh (psychology & epidemiology, U.S.) and Dr. Kai Pernanen (sociology and criminology, Norway) have short-term appointments as visiting scholars.
- b. convening of an international research conference on "*measuring drinking patterns*

and alcohol problems, and their connection". This conference will be held 3-7 April, 2000 at the Systembolaget conference centre on Skarpö.

8. A multi-part **research project on "alcohol and drug policy studies"** has been approved for funding by SFR in 2000-2002, at a support level of SEK 500 000 per year. There are three subprojects, as follows.

a. *Whose drinking and what harms are affected by alcohol policy changes*: This is a Nordic collaborative project to reanalyze data from Iceland, Norway and Finland as well as Sweden on what was the differential effect of policy interventions in the last 30 years on different drinking patterns, and on rates of various alcohol-related problems. Collaborating institutions are the Social Research Unit for Alcohol Studies of STAKES, Helsinki; the National Institute for Alcohol and Drug Research, Oslo, and the National University Hospital, Reykjavik. With travel support from the Nordic Council for Alcohol and Drug Research (NAD), a planning meeting of the project participants was held in Stockholm on 24-26 November, 1999, to adopt a plan of work before the project's official start in 2000.

b. *Cultural contexts of expectations and experiences of intoxication among young adults*: This is a subproject to collect qualitative data in the first year and quantitative data from a survey in the second year on the expectations and experiences of Swedish youth concerning behaviour while intoxicated, with particular attention to expectancies and attributions concerning intoxication, and its excuse value, for aggression and violence. Dr. Felipe Estrada, who recently received a PhD in Criminology at Stockholm University, will join the Centre's staff in January, 2000 to work on this and other projects.

c. *The development and functioning of the international drug control system*: This subproject studies the development of the international drug control system, now headquartered in Vienna, in the period since the classic 1975 study by the late Kettil Bruun (a professor at Stockholm University) and colleagues. Besides the existing drug control system, the study will include attention to two additional incipient international control systems covering psychoactive substances: the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco, and the International Anti-Doping Agency for sports.

9. **E.U.-funded research project: TREAT-2000**, Treatment System Research on European Addiction Treatment. This project, initiated by Professor Markus Gastpar of Universität GH Essen, Germany, has been approved for funding by the E.U. It studies the treatment of opioid addiction in the health system in a large city in each of six European countries (Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Italy, Sweden and Switzerland). The three-year project includes work describing the treatment system, updated after 18 months, and interviews with a sample of the system's clients, with follow-ups after 9 and 18 months. SoRAD is the Swedish centre for this collaborative project, with funding from the EU for 2000 of about SEK 460 000. Professor Anders Bergmark of the SU School of Social Work is an adviser on the Swedish participation in the project; it is hoped that the new professor in treatment research will also participate in the study. A PhD or senior graduate student researcher is being sought to staff this project. The study will involve a research collaboration with Stockholm County's BeroendeCentrum Nord, at Karolinska Hospital, with which collegial relations have already been established.

10. A research project on **the development of public discourse on illicit alcohol in the 1990s**, directed by Dr. Börje Olsson and Professor Robin Room, has been approved for funding in 2000 at the level of SEK 100 000 by the Systembolaget Research Fund.

11. **Ongoing social science research projects** now gathered at the Centre include the

following:

a. *Drug addiction in socially marginalized groups*, and *The drug addict and the authorities*. These related projects, funded by the Ministry of Social Affairs and SFR, are led by Dr. Börje Olsson, with Monica Skrinjar (doctoral student, criminology) and Anita Rönneling as research assistants. The latter study, of police and social service interventions in the everyday life of addicts, is carried out in comparison with a parallel study in Denmark, with the comparative aspects supported by the Nordic Council of Criminological Research (NsfK). It is hoped to expand this to a broader Nordic comparative study.

b. *Swedish control policies for drugs in an empirical focus*. Three reports have already been published from this project of Professor Eckart Köhlhorn's, which was funded by SFR. Work is presently under way on the final report of the project.

c. *An evaluation of a new substitute sentence for juveniles (Sluten ungdomsvård)*. The project, financed by SIS, is directed by Professor Eckart Köhlhorn, with Björn Borschos, a doctoral student in sociology, as the primary researcher.

d. *KALK project*. This project, led by Professor Eckart Köhlhorn and financed by a consortium including FHI and private alcohol producers, investigated the total Swedish alcohol consumption, recorded and unrecorded, for 1989-1997. The project is essentially finished and the book from it will be published shortly.

e. *Alcohol and drug prevention in a changing society*. This SFR-funded program project, led by Professor Anders Bergmark (Social Work) and Dr. Börje Olsson, focuses on prevention initiatives in workplaces and in social services. Work on the program is just getting under way. The project is associated with the Centre but not currently funded through it.

f. *EU-funded research project: European Comparative Alcohol Study (ECAS)*. This joint Swedish/Finnish EU project is funded through the FHI. The Swedish portion focuses on establishing good time series on alcohol consumption and various potentially related causes of mortality -- including cirrhosis, suicide, homicide, total mortality -- for all the EU countries (minus Luxembourg, plus Norway), and conducting a series of ARIMA time series analyses. Professor Thor Norström (SOFI) leads the Swedish portion of the study. Dr. Håkan Leifman and Mats Ramstedt, located at the Centre, work on the project, which is associated with but not funded through the Centre.

g. *The Alcohol Policy in Developing Societies project*, and the *Alcohol and Public Policy Project (APPP2)*. The main product of the first of these projects, coordinated by Robin Room, will be a collaboratively-authored book, *Alcohol in a Changing World: Drinking Patterns and Problems in Developing Societies*, to be published by Cambridge University Press. The project, connected with the Geneva office of the World Health Organization, focuses on the available information on drinking levels, patterns and problems in developing societies, and on case studies in the process and outcome of strategies to prevent alcohol problems in such societies. A book of country case studies (Riley and Marshall, eds., *Alcohol and Public Health in 8 Developing Countries*) has already been published, and a third book of analyses of epidemiological surveys is in preparation.

The second project is associated with the WHO-Euro in Copenhagen, and will result in a new book in the tradition of a 1994 volume, *Alcohol Policy and the Public Good*. Commissioned papers will be presented at a conference in Copenhagen in February 2000, after which work on the text of the new book will start. The Centre's effort on this, coordinated by Robin Room, dovetails to a considerable extent with preparations by WHO-Euro and the Swedish Ministry of Social Affairs for the conference launching the second phase of the WHO European Alcohol Action Plan, in Stockholm in December 2000. The Centre's work on both projects is primarily pursued with core support.

12. A number of **future projects** are in various stages of development or negotiation.

a. *Development of drug monitoring indicators for the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Abuse (EMCDDA)*. The FHI is the Swedish focal point for collaboration with the EMCDDA, an agency of the EU located in Lisbon. Discussions are under way between FHI staff and Börje Olsson about an active role for SoRAD in developing, testing and validating drug monitoring indicators which can be used on a Europe-wide basis. This activity would be a follow-on to Olsson's previous involvement in EMCDDA committees and projects.

b. *Cross-national comparative alcohol surveys: International Research Group on Gender and Alcohol (IRGGA)*. An application will be submitted through the University of North Dakota for US financing for a collaborative international program of data collection and analysis on drinking patterns and problems in general populations. Karin Helmersson Bergmark of Sociology at SU will serve as the coordinator of a possible Swedish participation, and has been in contact with FHI about adding extra questions which may be needed for comparability to FHI's next adult survey on drinking. Robin Room is a consultant to the overall program, and it has been agreed that the Swedish participation in the proposed project will be a SoRAD project.

c. *Swedish-Canadian collaboration analyzing Canadian alcohol experience*. In current discussion of alcohol policy in Sweden and more generally north of the Baltic, the Canadian experience is often drawn on for illustration. But good time-series analyses of the kind being done in the ECAS project (10f above) have mostly not been done. A planned project, with Professor Thor Norström (SOFI) and Dr. Norman Giesbrecht of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Toronto, as co-investigators, would do this, as well as analyzing the effects on consumption and problems of changes in alcohol availability in Canadian provinces. Besides Professor Norström, Dr. Håkan Leifman and Mats Ramstedt would be involved in the time-series analyses of province-level data from Canada, in the context of a broader report on the Canadian experience with alcohol control and liberalization.

d. Discussions are under way with the Ministry of Social Affairs concerning potential research projects to be carried out by the Centre.

APPENDICES (see following pages)

A. Financial statement, 1999 and 2000

B. Publications by Centre staff, 1999

C. Professional activities and paper presentations by Centre staff

Publications by Centre staff, 1999. All publications with a member of Centre staff as author which appeared during 1999 are included, whether or not they were prepared under Centre auspices.

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Strategies for the evaluation of a substitute sentence for juvenile offenders, presentation at a conference on 'Sluten ungdomsvård' arranged by the National Board of Institutional Care (SiS), 20-21 May, 1999.

Member of the organising and scientific committees of ICADTS's (The International Council on Alcohol, Drugs and Traffic Safety) 15th International Conference on Alcohol, Drugs and Traffic Safety.

Member of the consultative group connected to the KAPUBRA (KArtläggning, Prevention, Uppföljning och Behandling av Rattfyllerister) project.

Member of the 'needle-mark' register working team.

Kühlhorn, Eckart:

Die schwedische Drogenpolitik, public lecture at Deutscher Richtertag, Karlsruhe, Germany 5/10/1999.

Förbud och illegal sprit i svenskt och internationallt perspektiv, presented at a Scientific Seminar at Vin- och Spritkistoriska museum, Stockholm, 22/11/1999.

Chairman, Scientific Council of the Police Academy, Oslo

Medlem i presidiet av Systembolagets Fond för Alkoholforskning (SFA)

Member, Scientific Board of European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA), Lisbon

Leifman, Håkan:

Trends in Alcohol Consumption in the European Union. Paper presented at the ECAS-conference, Stockholm, February 1999.

Trends in alcohol consumption within the EU, presented at a Ministry of Social Affairs seminar on research related to alcohol policy, Stockholm 22 October, 1999.

Attitudes towards alcohol policy, presentation at a seminar arranged by the Public Health Institute, Stockholm, 18/11/1999.

Expert in the National Public Health Committee.

Olsson, Börje:

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The Swedish drug situation and drug policy dilemmas. Conference about regional preventive work arranged by The Public Health Institute and CAN, Umeå 27/10/1999.

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Drug control and drug policies - Swedish experiences. Presentation at a seminar arranged by the Council of Europe between the Croatian Minister of Justice and the Croatian National Drug Committee, Zagreb 2-3/12/1999.

Room, Robin

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Measuring drinking patterns and problems: the experience of the last half century, presented at the 25th Annual Alcohol Epidemiology Symposium, Kettil Bruun Society for Social and Epidemiological Research on Alcohol, Montreal, Canada, 31 May - 4 June, 1999.
Research networks and addiction journals: the invisible college and the 2-dimensional page, presented at a meeting, Journal Editing in the Addictions, Fiesole, Italy, 18-20 July, 1999.
“Nobody poured it down their throat”: popular views on responsibility for drunken behaviour, presented at the 38th International Congress on Alcohol, Drugs and Other Dependencies, Vienna, Austria, 16-20 August, 1999.
Alcohol policies in developing societies: perspectives from a project, presented at the 38th International Congress on Alcohol, Drugs and Other Dependencies, Vienna, Austria, 16-20 August, 1999; and at the conference of the Swedish Alcohol and Drug Research Society, Uppsala, 8-9 November, 1999.
The international drug control system, presented at a training course in drug research, Nordic Council on Alcohol and Drug Research (NAD), Aarhus, Denmark, 31 August, 1999.
Controlling psychoactive substances: can we reach a stable equilibrium?, presented at a conference on Substance Use Policy and Practice, Centre for Alcohol and Drug Studies, University of Paisley, Paisley, Scotland, 9-10 September, 1999.
Prepared testimony at a hearing of the Swedish parliament, “Swedish alcohol policy in an international perspective”, 16 September, 1999.
Alcohol monopolies as instruments for alcohol control policies, presented at a Seminar on Alcohol Retail Monopolies, Saariselkä, Finland, 21-23 September, 1999.
Governing images in public discourse about problematic drinking, presented at a NAD symposium, “Knowledge and expertise in alcohol and drug policy”, Bergen, Norway, 23-25 September, 1999.
The “new public health” paradigm in alcohol studies: the role of the Addiction Research Foundation in scientific innovation, 1960-1995, presented at a seminar at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Toronto, Canada, 14 October, 1999.
Alcohol policy, consumption and consequences: the Canadian case, presented at a Ministry of Social Affairs seminar on research related to alcohol policy, Stockholm 22 October, 1999.
Alcohol prevention in youth populations: evidence from the evaluation literature, presented at a European Symposium on Community Action to Prevent Alcohol Problems: Youth, Family, Community and Alcohol Problems, Porto, Portugal, 18-20 November, 1999.
Rapporteur for World Health Organization meeting on drug abuse databases, Vancouver, Canada, 29 November - 1 December, 1999.
(with David Jernigan:) The role of alcohol supply in developing societies, presented at a meeting, “Alcohol Beverages and Supply: An International Conference on the Supply Side and Its Relationship to Consumption and Alcohol Problems”, Skarpö, Sweden,

10-12 December, 1999.

Seminar presentations at Beroende Centrum Nord, Karolinska Hospital; Lund University, Malmö; Göteborg University, Göteborg; Criminology Department, Stockholm University.

Member, Coordinating Committee, Kettil Bruun Society for Social and Epidemiological Research on Alcohol

Member, Expert Advisory Panel on Alcohol and Drugs, World Health Organization

Board Member, Jellinek Memorial Award for Alcohol Studies